

- **Response of 1st order circuits:-**

The order is determined by the number of capacitors/inductors in the circuits. Hence, for 1st order we have to types: RL & RC circuits

General approach

<p style="text-align: center;">RL</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Find the initial values $i_L(t_0)$ (if $t_0 = 0 \rightarrow i(0)$) 2- Apply the change on the switch, redraw the circuit, and find the Norton equivalent circuit (calculate I_{sc} & R_t) 3- Calculate $\tau = L / R_t$ 4- Find the complete response using $i_L(t) = I_{sc} + (i(t_0) - I_{sc}) e^{-(t-t_0)/\tau}$ 	<p style="text-align: center;">RC</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Find the initial values $V_c(t_0)$ (if $t_0 = 0 \rightarrow v(0)$) 2- Apply the change on the switch, redraw the circuit, and find the Thevenin equivalent circuit (calculate V_{oc} & R_t) 3- Calculate $\tau = R_t C$ 4- Find the complete response using $V_c(t) = V_{oc} + (v(t_0) - V_{oc}) e^{-(t-t_0)/\tau}$
<p><u>Note:-</u> For inductors; If DC \rightarrow they act as a short circuit since $v(t) = L \frac{di(t)}{dt}$</p> <p>You also could notice from the above that $i_L(t_0^-) = i_L(t_0^+)$ (No instant change allowed)</p>	<p><u>Note:-</u> For Capacitors; If DC \rightarrow they act as an open circuit since $i(t) = C \frac{dv(t)}{dt}$</p> <p>You also could notice from the above that $V_c(t_0^-) = V_c(t_0^+)$ (No instant change allowed)</p>

How did we find the previous equations? See textbook pages 314-317